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The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

June 25, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LINCOLN DAVIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, eternal judge of all, when the mighty Sampson was brought into the temple of the Philistines to be made sport of, they placed him between two pillars. Sampson called on You, Lord. He said, "Remember me, O Lord God, remember me. Give me strength just one more time, O God. Let me with one strike avenge those who took sight from my eyes." He pushed his mighty arms against the two supporting pillars and the whole place came tumbling down.

As of old, Lord, give strength to Members of Congress and the people of this Nation; that Your judgment may reign and bring about unity and peace.

May Your truth remember us and recall our best selves. Pressing against the pillars of lies from others and self-deception, may faith and moral integrity triumph over evil within and around us both now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. BOUSTANY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BOUSTANY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill and a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1099. An act to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to make individuals employed by the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission eligible to obtain Federal health insurance.

S. Con. Res. 40. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of observing the National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness on January 11 of each year to raise awareness of and opposition to human trafficking.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6 p.m. today.

ROBERT E. COYLE UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 801) to designate a United States courthouse located in Fresno, California, as the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse".

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The text of the Senate bill is as follows:

S. 801

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The United States courthouse bordered by O Street, P Street, Tulare Street, and Capitol Street in Fresno, California, shall be known and designated as the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States courthouse referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) and the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. BOUSTANY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on S. 801.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia? There was no objection.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

S. 801 is a bill to designate the United States Courthouse bordered by O Street, P Street, Tulare Street and Capitol Street in Fresno, California, as the Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse.

Judge Coyle recently retired from Federal service, was appointed to the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, in 1982. He has served on the bench for 25 years, including 6 years as chief judge.

Judge Coyle is a native Californian. He was born in Fresno in 1930, graduated from Fresno State College in 1953 and from the University of California, Hastings College of Law in 1956. Judge Coyle's career includes time as Fresno County Deputy District Attorney.

He is a member of numerous associations, including the American Bar Association, American Board of Trial Advocates, State Bar of California, and the Fresno County Legal Services. He is a trusted mentor and a highly respected member of the ninth circuit.

Judge Coyle has devoted his public career to the citizens of California's central valley and was instrumental in supporting the construction of the courthouse. It is both fitting and appropriate to honor his legacy with this designation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

□ 1415

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

S. 801 designates the United States Courthouse located in Fresno, California, as the Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse. The bill honors Judge Coyle's dedication to public service.

After earning his law degree from the University of California, Hastings Col-

lege of Law in 1956, Judge Coyle worked for Fresno county as a Deputy District Attorney. He then entered private practice in 1958, where he remained until his appointment to the Federal bench.

In 1982, Judge Coyle was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California by President Ronald Reagan. He served as chief judge from 1990 to 1996, and assumed senior status on May 13, 1996.

I support this legislation, and encourage my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 801, a bill to designate the United States Courthouse located at 2500 Tulare Street in Fresno, California, as the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse". The bill was introduced by Senator BOXER, Chairwoman of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the U.S. Senate.

Judge Coyle was born in Fresno, California, in 1930. In 1953, he graduated from Fresno State College and received his law degree from Hastings College of Law in 1956.

From 1956 until 1958, Judge Coyle was Deputy District Attorney for Fresno County. From 1958 until 1982, he was a lawyer in a private practice. He was appointed to the Federal bench in 1982, and served as the Chief Judge for the Eastern District of California from 1990 to 1996. In 2006, he retired as a Senior Judge.

Judge Coyle is a dedicated jurist and active in many professional organizations, including the Fresno County Legal Services, President of the Fresno Bar Association, Vice President of the California State Bar Association, and a faculty member at the Hastings College of Law. Judge Coyle has a particular connection to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management through his work with the courts on development of the Design Guide for construction of U.S. courthouses.

It is fitting and proper that we honor Judge Coyle's prestigious and outstanding career by designating the United States Courthouse in Fresno, California, as the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse". I support S. 801 and urge its passage.

Ms. NORTON. I have no additional speakers.

Mr. BOUSTANY. We have no further speakers on our side either. I urge passage of this bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. NORTON. I urge passage, and yield back the remainder of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 801.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECOGNIZING THE RECREATIONAL BOATING COMMUNITY AND THE BOATING INDUSTRY OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 505) recognizing the innumerable contributions of the recreational boating community and the boating industry to the continuing prosperity and affluence of the United States.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 505

Whereas the boating community in the United States includes over 73,000,000 individuals, generates more than \$39,000,000,000 annually in the United States economy, and provides jobs for 380,000 citizens of the United States;

Whereas boaters often serve as stewards of the marine environment of the United States, educating future generations of the value of these resources, and preserving such resources for such generations' enjoyment;

Whereas there are approximately 1,400 active boat builders in the United States, using materials and services contributed from all 50 States;

Whereas boating, as an activity, provides opportunities for families to be together, appeals to all age groups, and has a beneficial effect on the physical fitness and scholastic performance of those who participate; and

Whereas, July 1, 2007, would be an appropriate day to establish as National Boating Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

(1) the recreational boating community and the boating industry of the United States should be commended for their innumerable contributions to the economy of the United States, the well-being of United States citizens, and responsible environmental stewardship of the marine resources of the United States; and

(2) the President should issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe National Boating Day with appropriate programs and activities.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) and the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. BOUSTANY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 505, which recognizes the contributions made by recreational boating community to our national economy, and calls on the President to issue a proclamation to observe National Boating Day.

There are now more than 13 million recreational boats registered in the United States. These boats support some 380,000 jobs in the U.S. and generate an estimated \$39 billion to the U.S. economy. They depend on 12,000 marinas across the waterways of the United States for essential services.

Impressive as they are, however, these numbers do not begin to reveal the many contributions that boating makes to recreational life in the United States.